On Tuesday, November 13th, Team Nutrition and Iowa Action for Healthy Kids are partnering to hold a free webinar, Healthy Classrooms, Healthy Students, for elementary teachers that will highlight resources that can assist in creating a culture of wellness in elementary classrooms. Topics will include Pick-a-Better Snack™, in-class physical activity breaks, and the Live Healthy Iowa Kids program.

The webinar will be held from 3:30-4:15pm and can be viewed from a computer that is connected to the internet. When the date gets closer participants who have registered will receive a link to view the webinar and test the software. The webinar will be recorded and a link to the recording will be sent out to everyone that registers after the webinar is held.

Click here to register!

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On Wednesday, October 3rd, students from over thirty Iowa middle schools gathered at the Super Power Summit at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. The team from St. Joseph school has posted information on their website, including photos and their plans moving forward. To view the article, click here.

Hero's Cheesy Challenge Contest

Midwest Dairy Council is partnering with Land O' Lakes to reward Iowa students for engaging in the Hero’s Cheesy Challenge contest which encourages healthy eating and physical activity.

- Students create a video of a cheesy meal or snack celebrating a local hero. The hero can be anyone who deserves recognition in the community - such as a teacher, firefighter, war veteran, dairy farmer, mayor, etc.
- Invite a local hero to an honorary reception at your school that showcases students' creative recipes, snacking ideas, or classroom celebration menus which include reduced-fat or reduced sodium cheese as a component. Students video the hero, the event, and the food and submit an entry blank containing a link to their video.
- Contest runs November 1 - December 10, 2012. Midwest Dairy and a panel of judges will evaluate entries. Winners will be notified by December 31, 2012.

For contest details, prizes, and rules, click here.

Parents Role in School Lunch

As students transition to healthier options this year parents need to send a positive message that these changes are what is best for them — physically and even academically. Encourage parents to ask their children how lunch was when they come home from school. Regardless of their answer, parents need to shed a positive light on the exciting changes that are going on in the lunchroom. To view the full article, Parents Role in School Lunch, by the National Parent Teacher Association click here.

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